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GRANDVIEW WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CHILD PORN

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Grandview, Mo., woman pleaded guilty in federal court today to receiving child pornography over the Internet.

Julie Bishop, 44, of Grandview, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this morning to the charge contained in a Sept. 29, 2005, federal indictment.

Bishop admitted that she received child pornography over the Internet on Feb. 13, 2005. **Bishop** possessed more than 600 images of child pornography, Graves said, some of which involved children under the age of 12, and some of which involved sadistic or violent sexual conduct with children. **Bishop** also admitted that she distributed some of the child pornography to others.

By pleading guilty today, **Bishop** also agreed to forfeit to the federal government a Hewlett Packard computer, two Western Digital hard drives, a Motorola cable modem, an Iomega external CD burner and two CD-R disks, all of which were used to commit the offense.

Under federal statutes, **Bishop** could be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in federal prison without parole, up to 20 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Katharine Fincham. It was investigated by the Grandview, Mo., Police Department, the St. Louis Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

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